(b) if so, what are the recommendations made by the investigation officer?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Yes. Preliminary investigation of the occurrence of some important lime-shell deposits in the coastal area of South Kanara district was carried out by Sri A. Damodaran, Assistant Geologist, Geological Survey of India.

" (b) It is the opinion of the Geologist that the lime-shell deposits are not extensively distributed as they are found to be confined to thin fringes on some river banks close to the sea, that the lateral extent is much limited, and that the yield and reserves are too small to sustain a modern cement plant. He has however suggested that the possibility of producing white cement on a very limited scale may be fully explored in the light of market conditions and that there is good scope for starting a whiting factory with a moderate output."

Chucklars in the State.

12 noon. * 137 Q.—Sri K. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(a) the population of Chucklars in the Madras State; and

(b) the number of gazetted officers of this community?

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (a) During the recent census enumeration of each community has not been made.

" (b) Particulars are not readily available. They will have to be collected and compiled. This may take a long time and the work involved will not be commensurate with the purpose served."

Sri K. S. LAKSHMIPATH NAICKER :—" கிராமங்களிலுள்ள செக்கிலியர்கள் நிலைமை இந்த வருஷத்திலாவது முன்னேறியிருக்கிறதா என்பதைப் பற்றி கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்வார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" I think the hon. Member knows better than myself, being a zamindar himself and living in rural parts. Of course, personally speaking, I know their condition has not very much improved."

Sri V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government is maintaining separate statistics for each of the communities among Harijans like Chakkiliyars and Parayars? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" I want notice, Sir."